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SUBJ: PERSONNEL CHANGES IN TURKISH SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE

- 1. WITHIN THE PAST TWO MONTHS, THERE HAVE BEEN MAJOR CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TURKISH SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE (TMO) IN ANKARA. A NEW GENERAL DIRECTOR AND THREE NEW ASSISTANT GENERAL DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION, EFFECTIVE APRIL 27 MUSTAFA IGNECILER HAS TAKEN THE PLACE OF NUMAN BAYCIN AS OPIUM AFFAIRS DIVISION DIRECTOR.
- 2. COMMENT: EARLY INDICATORS POINT TO A MORE DYNAMIC TMO THAT WILL ACTIVELY SEEK SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THOSE INVOLVING OPIUM POPPY PRODUCTION AND CONTROL. ONE ASSISTANT GENERAL DIRECTOR, OGUZ UNVER, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TECHNICAL DIVISIONS AND WILL SUPERVISE THE OPIUM DIVISION. OGUZ SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL AND HAS BEEN TO THE US SEVERAL TIMES, AND WE ANTICIPATE HE WILL BE PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN POPPY AFFAIRS. NEW OPIUM DIVISION HEAD, IGNECILER, HAS BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATIONED IN THE ISTANBUL BRANCH OPIUM AFFAIRS OFFICE FOR MANY YEARS. HE IS AN AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER AND SPEAKS VERY LITTLE ENGLISH, AND WE DOUBT THAT HE WILL BE ACTIVE AS HIS PREDECESSOR, NUMAN BAYCIN, IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.
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